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IN REPLY REFER TO: OR-030-2003-007 1742 March 12, 2003

Dear Interested Public:

The enclosed Environmental Assessment (EA) Document (OR-030-2003-007) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) has been prepared by the Vale District, Bureau of Land Management for noxious weed control and fuels reduction on 900 acres of rangeland south of Harper Junction, Oregon. This is for work to be conducted over the next 5 years to control noxious weeds, treat fuels and restore annual rangelands.

The end of the 15-day public comment period on the EA, during which you may comment on this proposal, is March 26, 2003. In order to reduce paperwork the Decision Record will only be sent to those who provide comment or request to remain on the mailing list. It will also be available on the web at http://www.or.blm.gov/Vale/.

Comments, including names and addresses of respondents, will be available for public review at the identified administrative office during regular business hours (8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m), Monday through Friday, except holidays, and may be published as a part of the EA document or other related documents. Individual respondents may request confidentiality.

If you wish to withhold your name or street address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your written comment. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law.

All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

If have any questions concerning this project, please contact Randy Eyre at (541) 473-3144.

Sincerely,

s/Tom Hilken

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